Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: The expenses have already been incurred. The places where plague broke out were so distant; Munnar was one and Alleppey another and Quilon was the third and the District Health Officers at Kottayam and Neyyattinkara had to go to these places often and stay there.

The motion was put and carried and the grant made.

DEMAND XI—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 69,700 for urgent works under the town planning scheme in Trivandrum, and other works. In moving this I may state that a sum of Rs. 1,99,000 was provided in the budget for 1115 for town planning works. Out of this an amount of one lakh of Rupees was allotted for the construction of the new office buildings which are being constructed near the Museum, and in consequence funds for other works such as shell-creting of the roads, were not available to the full extent. On the whole the programme of works required Rs. 2,60,000 for town planning and as more than 50 per cent of this allotment was taken away by the construction of the buildings near the Museum, it became difficult to provide funds for carrying the other urgent works. Out of this amount, however, a sum of Rs. 40,000 is available for diversion to the town planning works. So, the minimum additional grant required under this head will be Rs. 33,250. Besides this, a sum of Rs. 1,600 is required for maintenance of roads in proper condition and also small amounts of Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 450 are required for the maintenance of the Council Chamber and the wards in the General Hospital, which was not provided for in the Budget. On the whole the amount required for this purpose is Rs. 17,400. Owing to the shifting of the Armed Police Reserve a sum of Rs. 28,650 is required, but a sum of Rs. 10,000 has been got by diversion. Thus a total sum of Rs. 69,700 is required under these three heads as additional grant. There are some funds under the head "Military Works" but they could not be diverted without special sanction. Therefore I request the House to sanction this extra grant of Rs. 69,700.

The motion was put and carried and the grant made.

DEMAND XIII—POLICE.

Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant under the following heads:—

(i)	Installation of Telephones	Rs. 1,700
(ii)	Installation of electric lights	Rs. 400
(iii)	Additional T. A. for the Police Department	Rs. 17,000

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[Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib.]

With regard to the first item, the installation of telephones, I have found by experience that the telephones set up since the introduction of the trunk line have been mainly useful to me and to my department in carrying out work speedily and more effectively. So also with regard to item No. (ii) installed for the Reserve Police at Oolampara. As regards item No. (iii), this includes Rs. 14,000 which is last year's claim and which had to be met out of this year's allotment. So, what I am now asking for is an additional amount of Rs. 3,000 for T. A. for this year. This Rs. 3,000 we had to meet in view of the special political situation which the whole country had witnessed last year and a part of this year. In view of that situation, my officers, my men and myself had to be constantly on the move and as a result we had to spend this additional sum. I therefore request the House to pass this supplementary grant for Rs. 19,100.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai: I wish to say something with regard to this grant. Sir, regarding item No. (iii) we can understand that coming as a supplementary demand, as an emergent demand which could not have been anticipated. But I am not able to understand how the Inspector-General of Police can ask for a supplementary grant for telephones, the necessity for which I think he might have noticed even before the beginning of this year or at the time the last budget was prepared. Even then he might have known that telephones can be very useful to the police authorities and that they could be used by the Department for doing work expeditiously.

I cannot accept it for a moment that the idea has dawned on the Inspector-General of Police all on a sudden in the middle of the year that the telephone is a very useful contrivance and so Rs. 1,700 has become urgently necessary which could not have been anticipated at the time of the regular Budget and which could not wait till the next session of the Budget when the demand could have been made in the usual course. I think, Sir, that these demands are made because, the Heads of Departments have not understood the rules regarding the provision regarding supplementary grants. Supplementary grants cannot be asked for at the whim and fancy of the Departmental Head or at the time when a new idea strikes him. There are certain conditions, certain circumstances under which alone, supplementary grants can be justified. It is time that that should be understood; it is time that the House insists upon it, because it is a matter in which the House ought to be interested as it has to exercise a financial control over expenditure incurred by Government.

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Regarding the expenditure of Rs. 400, I have to say a word. The explanation given by the Inspector-General is not satisfactory.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai May I interrupt, Sir. Sir, telephone connections could not be made before the Trunk Telephone work was completed and that work was over only recently. Again, telephone installations are needed for district headquarters only and not in any place in Trivandrum.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai: I was not told anything about the nature of the telephone connection when the Inspector-General explained the matter. The only thing that I want to insist is that the necessity for a supplementary demand should be properly explained, when the demand could not have been anticipated at the time of the preparation of the regular Budget, the demand is perfectly legitimate. So also, the expenditure of Rs. 400 has not been properly explained. Though that is only a small sum, the principle has to be established, and satisfactory explanations must be forthcoming.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Sir, the Inspector-General has now come forward with a supplementary demand for three items. This is not the time to discuss the general policy of the Police Department. Therefore, Government and the Inspector-General must understand that this is not the time to ask for a large sum of money for expenses. Rather, I cannot vote for a liberal expenditure on the score of political menace which insist the police officers being always on the move over the telephone in respect of insurrections, riots etc., in different corners of the land. I can however give an indication as to which way this House is feeling, namely, that at the next year's Budget, such stories, though good enough in their own way, must not in any way entail large expenditure of the public funds.

President: But that largely depends on the persons just outside the border of this land.

Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Sir, as regards item No. (i), a partial explanation was given by the Legal Remembrancer. I may add that the introduction of the Trunk Telephone could not have been anticipated. It came into existence only just recently. That is why a supplementary demand has been asked for now.

As regards the expenditure of Rs. 400, perhaps the honourable member will be satisfied if I tell him that this came up in view of the shifting of the temporary Reserve from its old residence to Oolampara. At that place, there was no electric installation. I had to move Government for an additional sum for electrical installation. Hence the need for such a small grant.

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The motion that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 19,100 under Demand XIII—Police was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XV—INDUSTRIES INCLUDING CLAY REFINING AND PORCELAIN FACTORY.

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Sir, I beg to move an additional grant of Rs. 43,000 under Demand XV—Industries including Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory, for Capital Expenditure and working expenses of the Ceramic Factory.

This amount of Rs. 43,000 is made up of Rs. 30,000 towards capital expenditure and Rs. 13,000 towards the working expenses. At the beginning of the year we anticipated that a low output of clay would be enough to meet the demands. But during the course of the year, we were peculiary fortunate in securing a good market. Therefore we had to increase the output of the factory. In the course of operations to increase the output, certain additional works had to be done. On account of additional works, this additional grant is required.

As a result of the outbreak of war, the expenses have increased. The materials have gone up in value. As a consequence of the unexpected increase in cost of material, the working expenses too have gone up. I request the House to grant this expenditure.

The motion that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 43,000 under Demand XV—Industries including Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XIX—AYURVEDA.

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 2,000 under Demand XIX—Ayurveda. This is for the purchase of medicines for the Government Ayurveda Hospital, Trivandrum. The budget allotment under this item in the current year is Rs. 7,000. As pointed out by the honourable member Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai there are definite rules regulating the demands for supplementary grants. Such demands are made only when a new service comes up all on a sudden in the course of the year, not anticipated when framing the budget or when the sanctioned grant is found insufficient. The present demand comes under the latter category.

The budget grant under this head is only Rs. 7,000 as already stated. This has been found inadequate as the year draws to a close mainly because of the phenomenal increase in the number of patients, both in the in-patient and in the out-patient wards of the

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